

To The Commission:

The rules that bar a single company from owning both a newspaper and a major broadcast outlet in a single market protect media consumers from biased and limited coverage and encourage robust and engaged citizenship through increased possibilities for information and opinion. To cancel these rules would be not only ill-considered, it would be anti-democratic. At a time when we are fighting for the concept of American democracy, I can only hope that the Bush Administration and your commission will do everything possible to strengthen our democratic institutions, including a healthy and competitive media environment.

Sincerely,

__Nicholas Sammond